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Election of one member of the International Narcotics Control Board under the provisions of article 9, paragraph 1 (a), of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol

Note by the Secretary-General

Election of one member of the International Narcotics Control Board from among candidates nominated by the World Health Organization

1. The present note contains information on candidates nominated by the World Health Organization (WHO). Information on candidates nominated by Governments is contained in documents E/2009/9/Add.10 and Add.12.

2. In accordance with established procedure, the Secretary-General invited the Director-General of WHO to submit a list of at least three candidates for election to membership in the International Narcotics Control Board for the period from 2 March 2010 to 1 March 2015 on the expiration of the term of office of one member of the Board who was originally nominated by WHO and elected by the Economic and Social Council in 2004. The post is currently occupied by Philip O. Emafo (Nigeria).

3. As of 31 January 2009, three candidates had been proposed by WHO. Their names are given below in alphabetical order:

Alfredo Pemjean **Gallardo**	Chile
Rajat **Ray**	India
Olaitan Alice **Soyannwo**	Nigeria

4. The biographical information that was transmitted with the proposals for candidatures is contained in the annex to the present report.

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5. In accordance with article 9, paragraph 2, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,[1] as amended by the 1972 Protocol,[2] members of the Board shall not hold positions or engage in any activity that would be liable to impair their impartiality in the exercise of their functions. Positions and activities of individuals in the following areas are, in particular, incompatible with membership of the Board: persons who hold government posts, are in the paid service of their Governments or are acting under instructions from their Governments; persons who represent a Government at national or international forums on drug-related issues; and persons who are engaged in any activity, whether private or public, that might be liable to impair their impartiality in the exercise of their functions on the Board or whose activity is in conflict with the functions of the Board.

6. Document E/2009/9/Add.10 contains information on the number, length and place of meetings of the Board in 2008, on payments to members and on present membership (annex I); articles 9 (Composition and functions of the Board) and 10 (Terms of office and remuneration of members of the Board) of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol (annex II); information on qualifications and other conditions regarding membership of the Board (annex III); and a list of the States parties to the Single Convention of 1961 and that Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol, the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971[3] and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988[4] (annex IV).

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515.
[2] Ibid., vol. 976, No. 14152.
[3] Ibid., vol. 1019, No. 14956.
[4] United Nations publication, Sales No. E.91.XI.6.

Annex

Biographical information on candidates for election to the International Narcotics Control Board

1. Alfredo Pemjean Gallardo (Chile)

Education

Physician-surgeon (Médico Cirujano) (1968), Faculty of Medicine, University of Chile.

Speciality: Adult Psychiatry (1972), University of Chile.

Specialty scholarship, National Health Service and University of Chile.

Present posts

Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Mental Health, Faculty of Medicine, University of Chile (since 2007); Professor of Psychopathology and Psychiatry, School of Psychology, Catholic University of Chile.

Previous posts

Consultant, Postgraduate Teaching Coordinator and Professor of Psychiatry and Mental Health in Faculty of Medicine, Universidad de Chile (1975-2000); Professor in Magister Degree International Course "Public Health, Mention in Mental Health", School of Public Health, Universidad de Chile (1993-1996); Sub-Director, Department of Public Health, Mental Health and Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine, Campus South, Universidad de Chile (1985-1988); Director, Department of Public Health, Mental Health and Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine, Campus South, Universidad de Chile (1976-1979).

Memberships

Member of the Directorate of the non-governmental organization "MOVILIZA" (since 2007); member of the Directorate of the non-governmental organization "Fundación Escuela Nacional de Estudios y Formación en Arbordaje de Adicciones y Situaciones Críticas Asociadas" (National Foundation School on Addictions and Critical Related Situations) (since 2004).

2. Rajat Ray (India)

Education

MBBS in Medicine, Medical College, Calcutta, India (1971); MD in Psychiatry, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, India (1977).

Present post

Professor and Head of Department of Psychiatry and Chief of the National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre (NDDTC), AIIMS, New Delhi, India.

Previous posts

Professor and Head, Department of Psychiatry and Chief, NDDTC, AIIMS (2002); Professor, Department of Psychiatry, AIIMS (2000); Additional Professor, NDDTC, AIIMS, New Delhi (1988-2000); Additional Professor, Department of Psychiatry, National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore (1986-1988); Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, NIMHANS, Bangalore (1986); Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, NIMHANS, Bangalore (1980-1986). Other relevant professional experience: Consultant to the team to develop resources for training in drug dependence, injection drug use and HIV risk reduction (University of California, Los Angeles, USA and AIIMS project) (2005-ongoing); consultant to the team to develop technical guidelines and resources for training in drug dependence (UCLA, USA and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Vienna) (2005-2006); Research and Policy Adviser for project Networking for Reducing Risk Taking Behaviour amongst Young Drug Users in South Asia (UNODC) (2004-2005); Research and Policy Adviser for project on mainstreaming HIV/AIDS concerns in ongoing drug demand reduction in South Asia (A Project of the Government of India and UNODC) (2003-2004); Technical Resource person to modify the National Drug Abuse Control Programme of the Government (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare) (2003).

Memberships

Member, Technical Resource Group (TRG) on Intravenous Drug Users and AIDS, National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India (2000).

Publications

Selected publications in the last five years include: "National drug abuse situation in Vietnam — How accurate are the projections?" (Commentary), (2008); S. De, R. Jain, R. Ray, A. Dhawan and S. T. Varghese, "Assessment of differential doses of buprenorphine for long term pharmacotherapy among opiate dependent subjects", *Indian Journal of Physiology and Pharmacology* (January-March 2008).

3. Olaitan Alice Soyannwo (Nigeria)

Education

Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery — MBBS, University of Ibadan, Medical School (1971); Diploma in Anaesthesia, University of Ibadan (1974); Master of Medicine, University of Ibadan (1980); Fellowship of West African College of Surgeons (1984); Certificate in "Management in Medical Practice" (1988); Fellow, Nigerian Academy of Science (2006).

Present posts

Programme Director, Centre for Palliative Care, Nigeria (since 2004); Programme Director, Centre for Palliative Care, Nigeria (since 2007); Consultant Anaesthetist at the University College Hospital, Ibadan.

Previous posts

Visiting Professor, Department of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care, Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State (2006-2007); Dean, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, University of Ibadan (2002-2004); Chairman, Latunde Odeku Medical Library Committee (2002-2004); Head, Department of Anaesthesia, University College Hospital, Ibadan (2000-2002); Acting Head, Department of Anaesthesia, University College Hospital, Ibadan (with interruptions, between 1988 and 2000); Senior Lecturer, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan (1986-1998).

Memberships

Member, Academic Board, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan (since 1988); member, Board of Trustees, School for the Handicapped, Ijokodo, Ibadan (since 2007); member, Theatre Revolving Fund Committee, University College Hospital, Ibadan (1993-2002).

Publications

Author of books or chapters of books, including: "PEPFAR Implementation: Progress and Promise", Committee for the Evaluation of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Implementation, Institute of Medicine, National Academic Press, Washington, D.C. (2007); Michael Bond, Harald Breivik, Troels S. Jensen, Willem Scholten, Olaitan Soyannwo, Rolf-Detlef Treede: "Pain associated with neurological disorders". In: *Neurological Disorders: Public Health Challenges*, WHO (2006); S. D. Amanor-Boadu, O. A. Soyannwo, A. Sanusi: "Blood conservation in surgery: A handbook for all health professionals and all people who may need blood transfusion", Golden Gate Publishers, Ibadan, Nigeria (2001).